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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	Board of Examiners in Optometry
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Wednesday, December 18, 2013 at 4:30 p.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room A, Cannon Building

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Joseph Senall, Professional Member, President
Dr. Jeffrey Hilovsky, Professional Member, Secretary
Dr. Bryan Sterling, Professional Member
Prameela, D. Kaza, Public Member
Diane Maddex, Public Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Jennifer Singh, Deputy Attorney General
Lisa Smith, Administrative Specialist II

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Carl Maschauer

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Senall called the meeting to order at 4:47 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the July 24, 2013 meeting. Dr. Hilvosky made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sterling, to approve the minutes as presented. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Applications for Internship

The Board reviewed internship applications for: Carolyn Summers and Denh Tuyen. Dr. Hilvosky made a motion to approve applications, seconded by Ms. Kaza. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Upon review of an application by Reciprocity for Charles Stine, Dr. Hilvosky made a motion to approve the application, seconded by Ms. Kaza. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Upon review of applications for completion of internship: Dr. Hilvosky made a motion, seconded by Ms. Kaza to approve applications for Cari Cinamella and Sara Shkalim. Also, approval for Nikolas Shissias contingent on receipt of a copy of his current valid CPR card. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Review of Continuing Education Request

Ratification of CE approval for: Eye Care of Delaware, LLC and Interesting Vitreoretinal Cases and Round Table Discussions. Dr. Hilvosky made a motion to approve the courses, seconded by Ms. Kaza. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Discussion on VSP "Premier" Practice Program

Dr. Hilvosky began the discussion/explanation of the VSP "Premier" Practice Program. The program gives "Premier Status" to doctors who make large or multiple purchases which is good for them. The drawback would be that if the public sees this status for a doctor, they may be more likely to choose one of the "Premier Status" doctors because they are under the assumption that those doctors are better educated or more qualified to treat them.

Review of Recommendation for Dr. Carl Maschauer

Dr. Senall moved to review the recommendation of the Hearing Officer pertaining to Dr. Carl Maschauer. A round table discussion opened up when Jennifer Singh advised the Board members that they did not have to accept the recommendation. Jennifer Singh went on to explain that Rule 8.0 Ethics, is "problematic" as some of the language is unclear, i.e. 8.1.7, 8.1.9 and so on.

Dr. Hilvosky suggested that Board members do "homework" to review and make comments concerning Rule 8.0 Ethics and be able to make suggestions on how to change or clarify Rule 8.0. The Board decided that this discussion to be added to the agenda for the February 2014 meeting.

Dr. Hilvosky stated that he had worked with Dr. Maschauer for a number of years. Jennifer Sing asked if anyone on the Board felt the need to recuse themselves before the final vote. Dr. Hilvosky recused himself.

Dr. Senall made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Hearing Officer as submitted, seconded by Pramella Kaza. By majority vote the motion carried, with Dr. Hilvosky recused from the vote.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)

Upon review of the 2014 meeting dates, Dr. Senall made a motion to amend two dates, seconded by Dr. Hilvosky. The dates to be amended are as follows: Change April 22 to April 23, 2014 and change December 17 to December 10, 2014. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at the December meeting.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 26, 2014 at 4:30 p.m. in Conference Room B, 2nd floor, Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Dr. Senall made a motion, seconded by Ms. Kaza, to adjourn the meeting. By unanimous vote, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Smith
Administrative Specialist II

The notes of this meeting are not intended to be a verbatim record of the topics that were presented or discussed. They are for the use of the Board members and the public in supplementing their personal notes and recall for presentations.